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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 15, 2006. The Applicants submit that the amendment set forth herein will place their claims in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry of the amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.